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**PROPOSED CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES OF ECLAC
FOR THE PERIOD 1994-1996**

Note by the secretariat

Addendum

Add. at the end of part one, "Meetings of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies", the following paragraphs:

Meeting of Directors of Statistics of the Americas

The secretariats of ECLAC and the Organization of American States (OAS) normally carry out cooperation activities with the Governments of the region in a number of statistical areas. They have been providing secretariat services to meetings of directors of statistics of the Americas, among others. In this context, the OAS established the Inter-American Statistical Conference some time ago, which has had some difficulty in meeting regularly since its ninth session, held in Rio de Janeiro in 1986.

Given these circumstances, and in response to specific requests from directors of statistics, ECLAC has organized several meetings, which in practice have alternated with those of the Inter-American Statistical Conference. These meetings have been devoted to assessing the progress of ongoing regional cooperation programmes and identifying a series of activities of interest to the countries that have subsequently been carried out, thereby complying with the agreements reached during the debates. These high-level intergovernmental meetings have been attended not only by directors of statistics of the Americas but also by representatives of various United Nations organizations and subregional integration bodies involved in this field of endeavour.

Some Governments have also suggested that ECLAC, like the United Nations economic commissions in other regions of the world, should act as secretariat for an intergovernmental meeting of directors of statistics. At the same time, the Governments have requested the OAS secretariat to reach an agreement with ECLAC to coordinate actions in this field.

The OAS and ECLAC secretariats signed an Agreement on Cooperation in Statistical Matters on 7 October 1993, which provided that the meetings of directors of statistics of the Americas should be held every two years, be intergovernmental in nature, be co-sponsored by OAS and ECLAC and be held at ECLAC headquarters, and that ECLAC should act as technical secretariat, with the support of the OAS secretariat in carrying out substantive activities.

Add the following information to annex 2 (pp. 12-13): i) Main intergovernmental bodies and meetings: Meeting of Directors of Statistics of the Americas; ii) Date set up: 1993; iii) Legislative basis: Agreement on Cooperation in Statistical Matters between ECLAC and OAS; iv) Membership: All members and associate members of ECLAC; v) Periodicity: Every two years; vi) Main sphere of competence/aims/terms of reference: All issues relating to regional cooperation in statistics. To evaluate the progress of ongoing regional cooperation programmes. To propose a series of activities to be carried out in the forthcoming biennium.

Add the following information to annex 5 (p. 23), inserting it under the months of September of the appropriate years: i) Years: 1994 and 1996; ii) Title: Meeting of Directors of Statistics of the Americas; iii) Place and date: Santiago, September 1994 and 1996; iv) Legislative authority: Agreement on Cooperation in Statistical Matters between ECLAC and OAS; v) Source of financing: ECLAC regular budget and OAS contributions.